

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : McNicholl
Examiner : To Be Assigned
Serial No. : To Be Assigned
Group Art Unit : To Be Assigned
Filed : June 9, 2005
Attorney Docket No. : IPG-051112
Title : A DEVICE FOR TEMPORARILY SHIELDING THE
END OF A SURGICAL INSTRUMENT SHARP

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as indicated below, prior to the calculation of filing fees, and please consider the following remarks toward consideration of the application and passage to allowance thereof.